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Did Not See

Sigmal Edinburgh, Feb. 5.-The crash of the Edinburgh-King's Cross express at Goswick, Northumberland, on October 26 when 28 people were killed and 97 Injured, was largely because the driver, Thomas Begbie, did not observe a distant signal on the line, declared Lieutenant Colonel Wilson, chairman of the resumed

inquiry in Edinburgh. "Nor do I think you tried to observe it," he told Begbie, "You kept hoping you would see it and you did not."

Begble sald that the "distant" signal was obscured by smoke and steam. When he looked for it at Goswick the home signal was off. He took it for granted that it was safe to go on.

A saller, Leading Stoker Redden, an acquintance of Begbie's, had been given permission by him to travel on the footplate. Of his presence, Lieutenant Colonel Wilson said: "I find it very difficult to dissociate the presence of an unauthorised man on the footplate in a serious breach of regulations from circumstances in which the accident occurred."-Reuler.

De Valera May Lose Majority

Dublin, Feb. 5.—Eire general election figures so far tonight indicate that the Prime Minister, Mr Eamon de Valera, will not have a clear Parliamentary majority but will secure pos- a pro-Mahasabha newspaper. sibly up to 70 seats. This would he -four short of a clear ding to the authorities here. majority.

77 seats before yesterday's polling. Hindu Mahasabha for nearly The election is expected to return decade until he resigned in 1946 on moon, local time, but searches consix or seven members from other account of ill-health. parties in the Dail (Lower House of | theless, the margin between the Government and the Opposition looks like being narrowed.

Fentures of the election have been the fallure of the Republicans--they are likely to get fewer votes t than has been expected—and firm stand-made by-Fine-Guel:--theposition in the Dail may not show any material change. The party

had 30 sents in the last House. The Labour Party, which had nine well and is not expected to improve Burmese Government. its position.

Reuter.

RRESTED

Outlawed Organisation

EARLY MORNING SWOOP IN BOMBAY

Bombay, Feb. 5.—Before dawn today, squads of armed and uniformed police arrested in their beds scores of members of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, the militant Hindu volunteer organisation, throughout the Greater Bombay area.

By 6 a.m. local time, it was estimated that 300 people, including a number of prominent members of the extremist Hindu Mahasabha, had been rounded up and kept under lock and key.

Among the latter were Mr Vinyak Damodar Savarkar, a former President of the Hindu Mahasabha, Mr A. H. Cadre, President of the Bombay Provincial Mahasabha, and Mr M. Talpade, the Vice-President. Also taken into custody was Mr Jamnadas Mehta, formerly a prominent Member of Congress and latterly an adherent of the Hindu Mahasabha.

Elaborate precautions had been taken to prevent disorders and the arrests were completed with clockwork smoothness a few hours after the authorisation was flashed from Delhi.

Unofficial estimates said today's arrests brought the total of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and Mahasabha members detained since the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi to nearly 700 throughout India.

While the arrests were being made, and searches are continuing in the police also searched premises Poona. belonging to RSS and Mahasabha members and the office of Prabhat, Similar action was being taken

throughout Bombay Province, accor-Mr Vinyak Damodar Savarkar, His party, the Fianna Fall, held who is 65; was President of the

He survived 14 years' transporta-

LABOUR LEADER

Mr Mehta, who is 64, has a long curate computation of the total arrecord as a labour leader. He was rests throughout the Dominion, but visit Birla House, where Mr Gandhi a member of the Working Com- It was believed that the end-of-the- was assassinated, and the Raj-Ghat, principal Opposition party, whose mittee of the Indian National Congress in 1926 and Minister of Re- 1,000, and might exceed that figure. venue and Finance of the Bombay

Government in 1937. From 1944 to June, 1946, he was sents in the last Dail, is not doing India's representative with the

The state of the parties at 9 p.m. | today in Poona, regarded as the main | natak GMT was-Finnna Fail 15, Pine centre of the organisation's activities, Gael six, Republicans three, Labour | when the police made an early mornthree, Independent Farmers one -- ing swoop on houses and offices

The police were said to have! Among the arrested was Mr N. G., RSS" in Mysore State, was also seized certain documents from the Abhyankar, described as a provincial airested.-Reuter. residence of Mr Vinyak Damodar organiser of the Rashtriva Swayamsevak Sangh. The arrests

> and reports from Bezwada, South India, said two RSS men had been taken into custody by the rallway

> police as they were about to board a train for Nagpur. The police roundup in the Greater Bombay area ceased shortly after

Parliament), who would be pre- tion in the Andamans penal settle- and Benares recorded similar conspiracy. He was later interned scale as in Bombay, which, with minimum figures. in India and released in 1937. Poons, has been one of the strongholds of the Rushtriya Swayamsevak i

> It was impossible to give an acday figure would not be short of where he was cremated.

"General Officer Commanding of the to Gandhi,-Reuter-

LUCKNOW CORDONED OFF New Delhi, Feb. 5 .- Military and civil police today cordoned Lucknow while intelligence officers questioned Five arrests were made in Surat, visitors in the search for Hindu about 150 miles north of Bombay, milliants wanted for questioning in connection with the murder of Mr

> Throughout India, armed police searched towns and villages for agents of the militant Hindu organisation banned by the Indian Government yesterday. Hundreds of arrests—some unofficial estimates said 1,000-were made.

About 300 people were arrested in Reports from Calcutta, Madras Bombay, 104 in Delhi, 30 in Lucknow, 13 in Madras and 75 in the pared to support Flanna Fail, Never- ment in connection with a political searches although not on the same United Provinces. These were the Most of those arrested were re-

tensed after questioning, a Bombay spokesman said.

Hundreds of people continued to

The latest stories of how people The Mysore State authorities, were affected by the shock of Mr falling in line with the Indian Gandhi's death concerned a Sadhu Government's ban on the RSS, in (a Hindu holy man) who committed Bangalore today arrested Bao Joshi suicide, a merchant who went mad Jadhar, described as "General Officer and a man named Godse-the sur-Twenty RSS men were arrested Commanding of the RSS" in Kar- name of the man held for trial on the charge of murdering Suryanarayana Rao, described as Mahatama-who changed his name

III.K. - JAPAN AIR LINE

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London, Feb. 5,-The extension of the British Overseas Airways Corporation's operations from Hongkong to Japan will, it is hoped, be made in the near future, Mr George Lindgren, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, told a questioner in the House of Commons yesterday.

He added that ultimately, when adequate technical facilities could be made available, it was proposed that the service should terminate at Tokyo.

Meanwhile, it was proposed to terminate the service at Iwakuni,-Reuter.

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H. K. And Japan Peace Treaty

Commons Questions.

London, Feb. 5.—The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, told the House of Commons today that, wherever it was desirable and feasible. colonial governments directly concerned with the Japanese peace settlement would be in- European recovery programme. vited to attach advisers to the British delegations in future

Mr William Teeling, who recently returned from a visit to the Far East, had asked the Prime Minister why the Hongkong Government was not represented at the Canberra talks on a peace treaty with Japan. He also wanted to know whether, "as the Foreign Office is not equipped to put Hongkong's point of view," the colony would be more adequately represented at any further peace talks,

of these talks was an informal ex- urea of the world. change of views on broad lines and Commonwealth Ministers.

COLONY'S INTERESTS "The interests of Hongkong, as of other Far Eastern colonial territories,

Kingdom delegation. "The United Kingdom delegation, at meetings of this kind, do not represent any single department of United Kingdom.

settlement, we shall naturally con- might be formally made public. ty, but, wherever it is desirable and \$470 million dollars would be for coming for some time. In relation feasible to do so, we shall be glad food and raw materials. to invite the colonial governments directly concerned to attach ad- million would be for machinery to Street today fell below the worst visers to the United Kingdom dele- re-equip Chinese factories, gation."—Reuter.

MAY MARRIAGE FOR MICHAEL

of Bourbon-Parma said today his volve no military expenditure, of the New York Federal Reserve daughter Anne probably would despite the insistence by some Re- Bank stated last week that if the marry former King Michael of publicans that Generalissimo Chiang support were withdrawn, the bottom Rumania here in May. Both the Kal-shek should be given direct as- would fall out of the market .-young persons are now in Switzer- sistance in his war with the Comland.—Associated Press.

\$500 Million Aid To China Plan Proposed

RELIEF SUPPLIES FOR 15 MONTHS

Washington, Feb. 5.—Aid for China, totalling about \$500 million, is proposed in a State Department plan prepared for the National Advisory Council, the United States policy-making body in the field of finance, a Council spokesman confirmed today.

This estimate-which may be changed somewhat either by the National Advisory Council or by the Bureau of Budget before reaching Congress is somewhat higher than the original tentative figures given to Congress by Mr George Marshall, the Secretary of State, nearly three months ago.

At that time, he spoke for a \$300, million programme to run for 15

The \$500 million project is likely to run for about the same period. American officials said this programme was not comparable to the

European recovery programme. The assistance to be sent under if would be mainly of the relief type, notably over the 15 months, but if was hoped that supplies made available would help in stabilising the situation so that a long range plan might be instituted later.

The programme may be submitted to Congress within the next week or two.

OPPOSITION ATTITUDE Its opponents claim that the type

of supplies to be sent to Chinawheat, cotton, petroleum, rice, grains, tobacco and flour-will make it more fulfil its obligations under the

It is also argued that, on past record, there can be no guarantee that the Nanking Government will make the best possible use of the assistauce rendered.

The programme has been prepared at the insistence of the Republicans in and out of Congress-Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Governor Thomas Dewey, of New York, Mr John Foster Dulles, and many others are among its proponents-who have intimated that they would be prejudiced against the Marshall Plan unless the State Department made efforts to "stop United States has slumped from over

The Senate Foreign Relations without commitment between the Committee is expected to start hearings_of_the_new__programme-later this month, as soon as they have dispensed with the Marshall Plan. Later, the State Department placwere represented by the United ed a strict curtain of secrecy over the China aid programme.

CIVILIAN PROGRAMME

A spokesman said Mr Marshall the British Government, and it is personally had ordered the enforcetheir normal responsibility to re- ment of a "no comment" rule. He cerned with the Japanese peace and declined to say when details the dollar. tinue to discharge this responsibili- | Later it was learned that some

The additional \$30 million to \$40 prices of American shares on Wall

It was understood that the National Advisory Council had already approved the programme and its United States Government bonds on final presentation to Congress was, Wall Street have been pegged only therefore, probable within the next by continuous and very expensive

munists.—Reuter.

New York Stock Market Slump

Sudden Rush To Sell

New York, Feb. 5,-Wall Street blamed "Washington" and the fear of further European currency devaluations for difficult for the United States to yesterday's price drop in the American stock and commodity markets-which was the biggest drop for over a year.

> From coast to roast, people rushed to sell their holdings, wiping out about \$1,000 million in the market valuations of stocks.

> Sales totalled over one million shares and stock quotations in the New York Exchanges dropped one dollar to an extreme of five dollars

Since Christmas, the index of Mr Attlee replied: "The purpose Communism" in an equally critical 460 to less than 435. Nearly eight noints of that decline occurred yesterday alone.

> |---Everybody-----aupposed---that'--the----------French free market would register a distrust of some currencies against the dollar. What it has, in fact, registered is a distrust of all currencies, including the dollar against

GOLD COINS PREMIUM

Yesterday, the first day that gold present the interests of the colonial even refused to discuss the National trading in Paris became legal, the empire equally with those of the Advisory Council's spokesman's as- prices of gold coins there reached sertion that the plan calls for ap- premiums of exactly 100 percent "In any further conferences con- proximately \$500 million for China over even the free market price of

Wall Street has seen a slump to the profits they are making, ratios of the 1931 slump.

Since November, the prices of official support, which has been tak-The programme, as now drawn ing the huge sum of about \$500 Copenhagen, Feb. 5.-Prince Rene up, is a strictly civilian one and in- million per week, and the President

Shanghai, Feb. 5. — A con- hai's facilities, as previously no struction programme designed to make Shanghai one of the by weather or other causes who major aviation centres of the could not make their sunrise to sunto effect at eight o'clock local time this morning in the Tiberias area, where the Arabs—believed to be 150 strong—were reported to have 150 strong—strong the strong to the strong the strong to the strong the

gramme are the construction of a | . Lunghwa's radio communications while the steamer was on her way Jerusalem, Feb. 5 .- The British control station here to be used as system has been integrated with from Macao to Hongkong this morn-Palestine police reinforcements as today declared limited martial law the centre of a nationwide air com- Tokyo, Guam, Manila, Salgon, ing, later spread to the No. 1 hold. they were attacking traffic on the. in northern Palestine in the wake of munications network, and the erec- Bangkok and other cities. Tiberias road, withdrew after a the Jewish demand that the United tion of an international terminal Another step forward in civil Hongkong Fire Brigade despatched a Nations approve the formation of a hullding to be used by both domes- aviation. Mr Tai said, was an fire float at 10.30 a.m.

Jerusalem reports said 12 Arabs Jewish militia to guard the entire tie and foreign airlines operating in agreement between the Ministries of Communications, Foreign Affairs According to meagre reports so and out of Shanghal. Under the new decree residents of Mr Tal An-kuo, director of the and National Defence, by which the far received from the steamer, the A British soldier was killed and the Tiberias area around the Sea bureau, pointed to work already civil bureau will have jurisdiction fire broke out while the ship was off three wounded when an Army of Galilee are prohibited from leav- completed or started, which will over all foreign planes entering Lantao. play an additional role in making China. The restrictions were clamped Shanghal an international air centre. Mr Tal also pointed to improve-

pleted the first of the year. The new international aviation rating.-United system added materially to Shang-Press.

A fire which broke out in the engine room of the Hain Kung So and in response to an appeal the

One hundred and forty passengers

The ship is reported to be out of

EDITORIAL

Gun-Toting Desperadoes

WEDNESDAY'S gun battle in YY the Western District is another grim reminder that Hongkong continues to be affileted with the presence of criminals as desperate in character as any of the notorious old-time Chicago gangsters. And the audaclous challenge to the authority of the police made by these heavily armed men is a sobering Indication of the utter contempt for law, order, or life held by these types. There is this consolation: a gang of thugs has been effectively broken up. One died in valu deliance of the police; two others were wounded and will, it is presumed, in due course be charged; one only, so far as can be ascertained, managed, to escape. Another measure of satisfaction to be derived from the grim drama is that the bravado of the criminals was more than matched by the gallantry of the police officers who shot it out with the gunmen with skill and determination. Sub - Inspector Dempsey and Detective-Sergt. Wong Fuk were wounded in line of duty, but they, together with the remainder of the Chinese and European officers who took part, have good reason to congratulate themselves on the successful outcome of the affray, while the public will gain comfort and confidence from the knowledge that our pollcemen are more than a match for the most militant desperadoes. The Xu Lok Lane gun battle serves to bring into sharp focus the heavy responsibilities devolving on the police authorities in maintaining law and order. Gun battles, it is true, are not everyday events, but

a study of the Criminal Sessions calendars for the past 19 months shows very distinctly that more are making the crimes will go a long way toward the elimination of lawlessness in Hongkong.

and more criminals in Hongkong are carrying arms and are prepared to use them either against their victims or the police. The police have shown more than once that they are not afraid of carrying out their duty to the full when attempting to apprehend these gangsters, but a doubt arises in the mind whether they most effective use of their powers to search. Sudden, and perhaps to all intents and purposes .unwarranted searching of individuals in the streets or on trams and buses, is not narricularly popular with the public, but if way to the urgent need of Arabs. doing everything to safeguard the interests of the community. The duty of the public is to assist the police by willing co-operation. Right of refusal to be searched or resentment of the inconvenience can only be conceded to those who are guilty, either in what they possess at the time, or in conscience. It is noticeable that a great deal of robbery goes on between midnight and daylight, which suggests that our criminals enjoy too much freedom of movement during the night. Police searching of individuals should be intensified after dark in an effort to thwart thieves and footpads from reaching their objectives. Apprehension of evil-doers before they can commit their

BOMB FROM ARMOURED CAR KILLS 4 ARABS Jerusalem, Feb. 5.-Four Arabs were killed and a

fifth was wounded by a bomb which was thrown from a Jewish armoured vehicle tonight on the main Gaza-Beersheba road.

As they walted by the roadside for damaged in several places. help, they were attacked by the Jews, an official statement said. Arabs today while travelling Sarafand, Palestine's biggest Army?

there were no casualties: HOUSE CURFEW

British paratroopers and guardsmen were keeping strict watch today in the Sea of Galllee area of such searching produces positive Palestine, near the Syrian border, before the end of the British where British troops yesterday mandate, he declared. dignity will have to give fought a large force of infiltrating

150 strong-were reported to have Lake Success reported.-Reuter.

crossed from Syria. The Arabs, engaged by troops and

three-hour battle.

were killed, but there were no Bri- Holy Land, including Arab arens. convoy fought its way under heavy ling their homes. fire through three road blocks on the

have been manned by Arabs. Saboteurs last night struck at tine yesterday near Rose Pina, seven Palestine's railway communications, miles north of the Sca of Galilee destroying important sections of the on the Palestine-Syrian border,two chief railway lines. A section United Press.

They were travelling in a jeep of the track was torn up south of when it skidded and overturned. Haifa and the Jaffa-Jerusalem line TELEPHONES SABOTAGED

Telephone and teleprinter lines A British Combined Services between Jerusalem and the all-Jewish Entertainment unit, escorted by city of Tel-Avly went dead late last British troops, was fired at by night, and Jewish sources reported to they had been sabotaged. Mr David Ben Gurlon, head of the Jewish Agency Executive, warned

The guards returned the fire and in Tel-Aviv that if the United Nations did not support the creation of a Jewish militia, the Jews would "defend themselves anyhow." The British authorities had so far refused to discuss with the Jewish

The United Nations Palestine A house curfew, imposed by the Commission has accepted a British

MARTIAL LAW

Jerusalem-Hebron road, believed to down only a few hours after the new Arab invasion of North Pales-

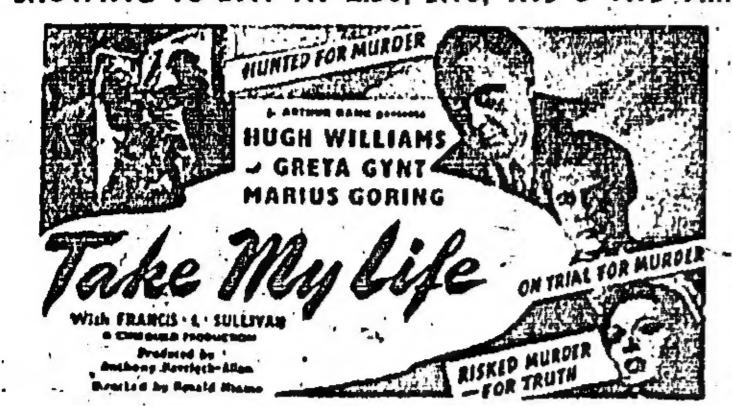
Important Shanghai Airport Development Scheme

The two major phases of the pro- on a 24-hour basis.

A 6,000-foot north-south runway ments now under way at Hankow, were aboard, but they have all been has been completed and in use at Amoy, Tientsin, Foochow and Canton, safely disembarked. Lunghwa alrport, and a new night as other evidences of nationwide prolanding lighting system was com- gress being made to raise China's

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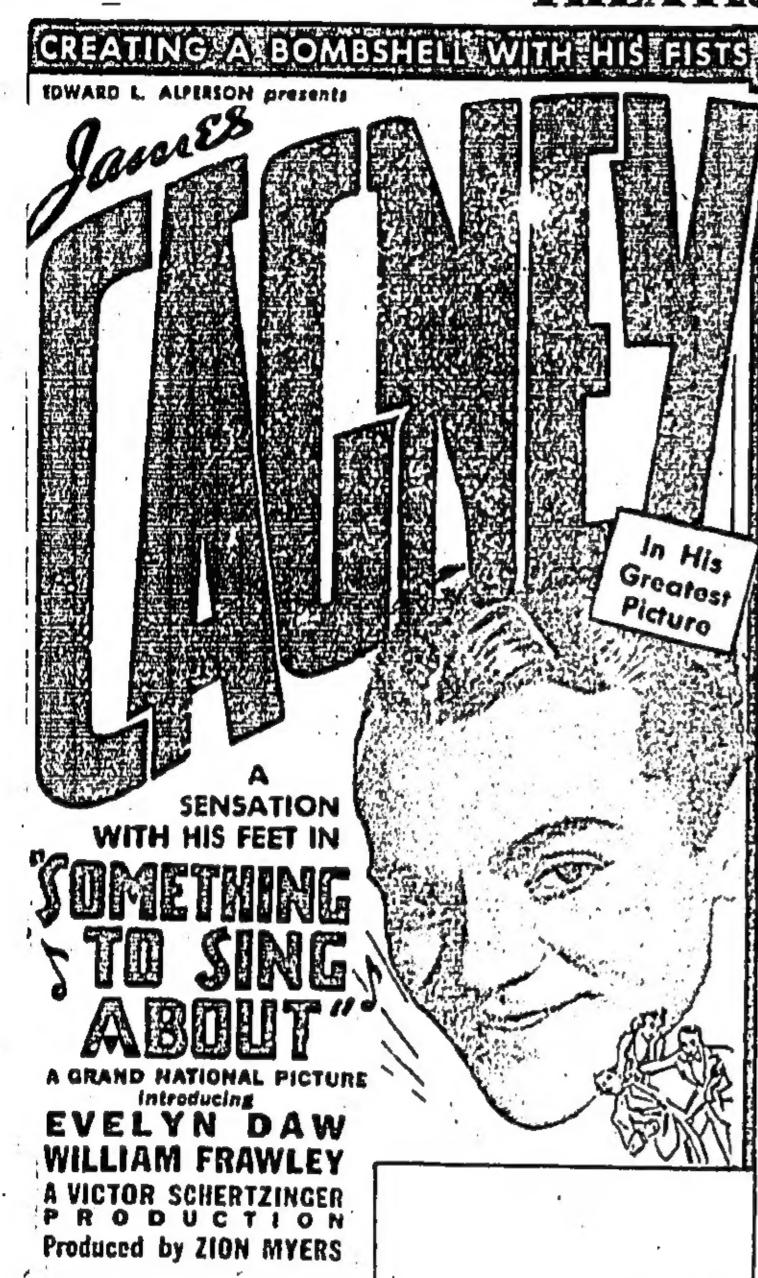
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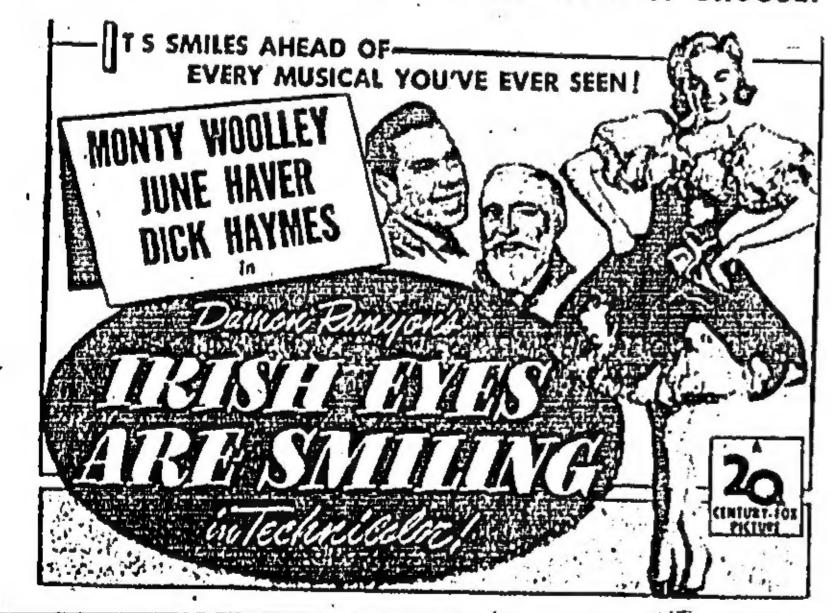
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THE BLOW FATE STRUCK AT SIR FELIX POLE

By BERNARD HARRIS

HROUGH fields near a mel- He knew that seats on the G.W.R. miles from Rending trains of the British Railways speed along towards the West Coun-followed by an invitation to become try. Occasionally an engine will u.G.W.R. director. give a shrill blast on its whistle.

For the driver will remember manant of Associated It. that those fields and that coun- . Sir Felix found Associated Electry house belong to a man who trical a group of competing, conwas once his chief.

And nationalisation has not yet

The owner of the fields hears the whistle and the rumble of the trains But he can no longer see them.

SIX OPERATIONS

ways to the State. But he has Job.

ed at Paddington, has gone blind. He the wrong orders. cannot even distinguish day from . So he is not optimistic about our

His sight began to fall three travel now that the rallways have Christmas ago. First there was a come under the sway of the bureauburst blood vessel, then a detached crats. retina. Three operations were at- But he thinks nationalisation was

meant three more operations. They of railways, were not successful.

about railways, Sir Felix told me that the chances of recovering his sight are "pretty slim,"

keeps so closely in touch with affair's tage of the 1921 grouping. that he has been asked to remain a director of six big enterprises, con- centralised manufacture of locomotrolling many millions of capital. In 1929 Sir Felix startled the a great deal of costly competitive business world by abandoning what designing. was thought to be his only love-the Similarly with competing lines. Sir C.W.R.-to become chairman of Felix was anxious for example, to

he resigned the chairmanship but its line to Swansea. continued as a director. When Also, more might have been done

resign from the board. The new chairman, 'Mr Oliver "The railways blundered and Lyttelton, and his colleagues would blundered over road transport," he have none of it. They valued Sir said. "Bus companies, which were ! that they urged him to stay.

EXPERIENCE COUNTS

of A.E.I.'s chief subsidiaries. Sir inexplicable."

Felix is still chairman. He helps also to guide the affairs of a large dredging company, the docks at Milford Haven, and an en- If State ownership is to be a sucterprise engaged in electrical con- cess, Sir Felix thinks the Transport about British Communism totracting. He is a director, too, of Board must avoid the at all costs the the company owning the airfields at mistake of having excessive centrali-Gatwick and Gravesend.

_Son_of_a_Wiltshire_schoolmaster,___"Sir-Cyril-Hurcomb,_head_of_the

Swindon. In the archives at Paddington every confidence in his ability." there still rests the testimonial he But the name given to the new brought with him from the local set-up irritates Sir Felix. vicar in 1891-"Give this lad a "Why British Railways with an chance and he will soon make his 's'?" he asks. "When we absorbed

The new boy earned promotion call ourselves the Great Western faster than anyone before him. Railways, Within 30 years of handing in the "The right name now is the testimonial he had gone as far as he British State Railway. And it's could go-he was general manager. sheer nonsense to operate under such had his eye on the directorate.

Louisiana State University,

Though not in the best scholastic

tradition, and though lacking the dignity of Arnold in his weightier

pronouncements, this remark shows

the part played by films in educa-

lonely old spinster in Miami, reading

this, sighed as she recalled the pen-

dish in the drug store one day.

She was his queen

queen."

beauty contests because "I a pout.

low country house three board were, barred to full-time

So when he was offered the chairmanship of Associated Electrical

cerns, unco-operative and financially not very strong.

He handed it over to his successor effaced the wish to give him a a closely knit organisation, with what he calls the "A.E.I. spirit" running through all its parts, and with reserves of many millions of pounds.

The final stage of that consolidation cost him his sight. During the Intricate negotiations his eyes started to give trouble. He ought to He knows all the complex details have gone to bed for some months. lavolved in the transfer of the rail. But he insisted on completing the

never seen the Transport Bill nor His business experience has given read a line of the Parliamentary de- Sir Felix no good cause to enthuse bates which led up to the great take- about the men, who sit in offices in Whitehall. He once sald that the battle of Trafalgar would not have For Sir Felix Pole, youngest been won had there been radio in general manager ever to be dostall- 1805. Nelson would have received

chances of chenp and comfortable

inevitable. The idea had been talk-Then a cataract formed. That ed about from the very beginning

In his study, fined with books. WHERE THEY FAILED

After allowing for the results of years of war, he believe that State His "eyes" now are his nurse and ownership was hastened by failure his recretary. With their aid he of the railways to take full advan-

They could, for example, have tives and rolling stock and cut out

Associated Electrical Industries, by put Swansea on the main line by far our biggest group of electrical connecting the old Port Talbot railway with the L.M.S., but he failed When his eyes started to go wrong to persuade the L.M.S. to give up

blindness overtook him, he offered to in co-ordinating road and rail ser-

perience they seldom connected with not easy to be impartial.

"And the differences in road and

A GOOD TEAM

sation:

"Even when you are sightless," "No company will work properly he says, "experience still counts for unless you get the proper spirit runsomething-for a few years, any- ning through it," he says. "So it is with a State enterprise.

he started as a 14-year-old clerk in Transport Commission, starts with a the G.W.R. telegraph department at good team. If he can fire their enthusiasm he should do well. I have

other companies in 1921 we didn't

Committee (Western Region)."

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

The Professor of Mathematics

paused opposite a small blonde girl. Mr Orson Welles when told.

alibut but that's orf."

"Are you Miss Jelks?" he asked. Restaurant piece

THE President of the tapped the bathing beauty's knee Nothing to do with me

with his gavel.

on with the judging."

of which I was once Bursar, "I didn't come to this banket, to

refused the other day to judge be insulted," replied the beauty with

learned long ago that every "Oh," vouchsafed a history don,

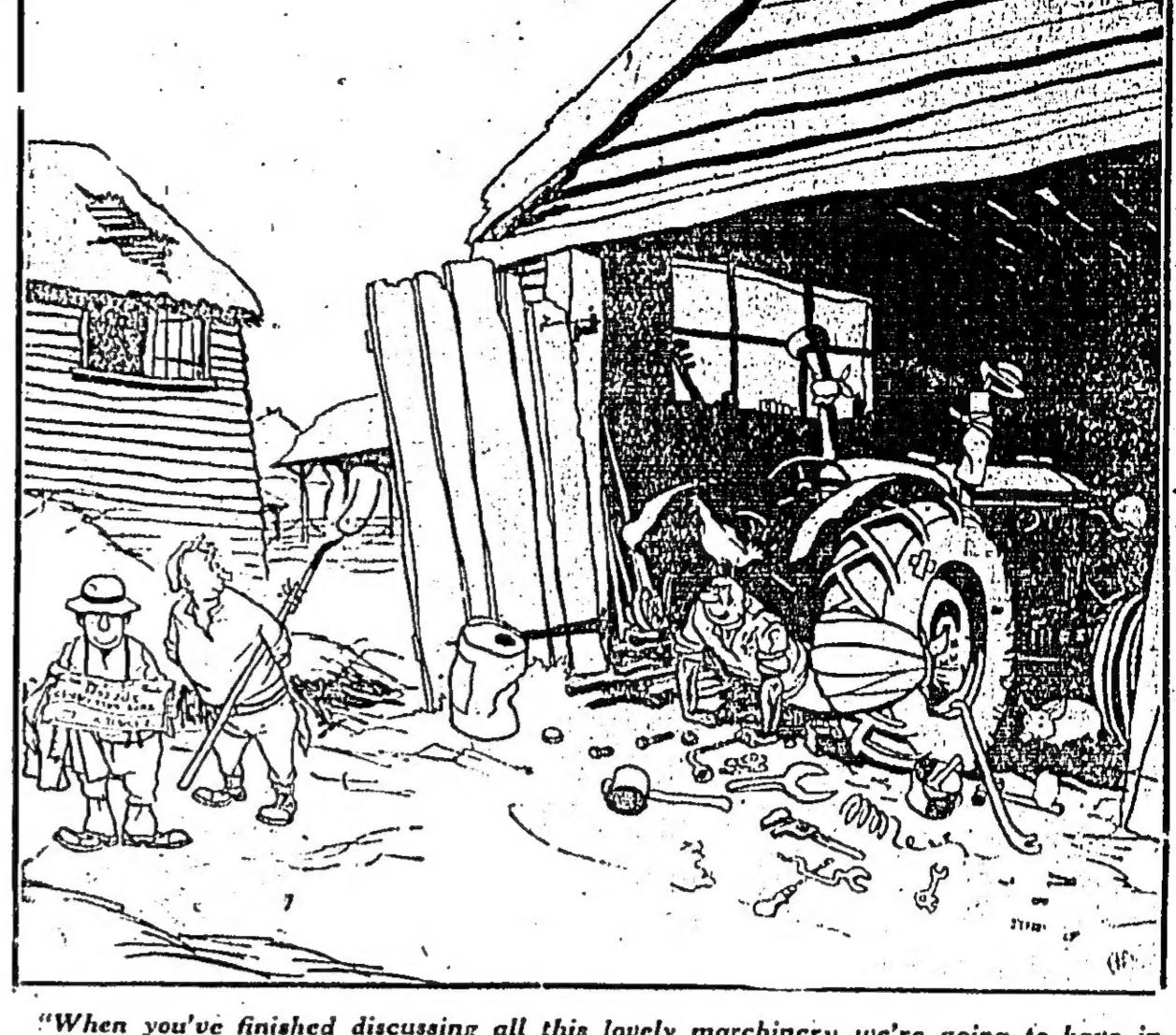
woman is a queen-somebody's "then why did you come?"

tion. I like to think that some There were tears in his eyes.

quired the Chairman, as he beautiful Miss Jelks.

No End to His Pleasure

niless boy who called her a swell She nodded. "Long ago I knew



"When you've finished discussing all this lovely marchinery we're going to have in a few years' time, could you fetch me another piece of string?"

Blues vote

By 566 votes to 112 Cambridge Union Debating Society last month carried the motion "That Communism presents the greatest contemporary menace to British liberty." Main speakers were Communist Harry Pollitt and Tory M.P. Henry Strauss. As a commentary on their discussion TREVOR EVANS now adds this estimate of the Communist Party in Britain

EADING through the re- the party, have never held more came from Cambridge, Felix, though sightless, so highly partly owned by the railways, used one thing was very clear: Com-, the station yards, but in my ex- munism is a topic on which it is

In a debate of violent attack Of British Thomson-Houston, one rail fares for identical journeys were and counter-attack there seems to be one point which was not adequately developed.

Yet it is the major paradox

wane.

Some say the party has never been so ineffectual politically. I was pretty low between 1939 and 1941.

2. The industrial influence of the Communists has probably is one of the three greatest miners' never been potentially more disturbing.

But Sir Felix was ambitious. He mouthfuls as Railway Executive support them unwaveringly the votes when he became general though not formal members of

port of the debate as it key jobs in the trade unions than they do today. And that in spite of Jim Hammond's defeat as president of the Lancashire miners.

> What is the difference between a Communist politically and dustrially?

Difference of degree

IT is a difference of degree. L Communist on the political plat-1. Both the membership of form urges the overthrow of the the Communist Party and its present Constitution. A Communist Two years later there was a senpolitical influence are on the in trade union office is not for ever sational strike at one of the greatest preaching revolution, or even acting war plants in the northwest. The the prelude to one.

union affairs because he is a Com- to resume work at once. The man think that is an exaggeration, It munist. But he still does his job as sent was one of the five in Lord a militant trade union leader. That Swinton's dossier, is why he was elected. Not because he is a Communist.

Arthur Horner is an example. He leaders of this century. There have a stoppage in nine of them." never been more than 15,000 Communists at any one time among our miners. Yet Communist Arthur Communists, and those who Horner secured nearly 60 percent of THE Government knows these secretary.

> It would be wrong to claim that terday and the fears of tomorrow. because Mr. Horner was elected the majority of the miners who voted for him were Communists. He not in complain when incidents of the because of his negotiating record- early war years are used against

Figures mislead

LETTER to a morning paper NO one in Britain knows exactly 14 how many Communist suph begs to draw attention to "certain inaccuracies in the article 'Losti porters there are in any one of the 900 million pounds of margarine," major unions. The Horner example Anybody who could lose nine results, hundred million pounds of mar-

The best informed experts in the "Don't try any funny stuff," garine must not only detest the stuff shouted the beauties, in chorus, "Get very violently but must be an ex- trade union movement estimate that ceedingly clever person, "To lose among the miners , the Communists such a quantity of margarine is no hold 20 percent of the paid offices. mere sleight-of-hand," commented Among the engineers, builders, and electrical workers they hold 15 percent. of the elected offices.

waymen, and below 10 percent, in Little more than urge all trade your mother. She was my queen. WHE girl anded me three sorty the transport workers, general unionists to imitate the energy of pertaters in a wet saucer and workers, and tailors. The 'Com- the Communists. For it is individual said the ash is orf so ere's the pom munists have made no appreciable energy and organisation which is 66 AND whose queen are you?" in- "You make me sick," said the leconayses what went with the impact on the textile operatives and the strength of the minority "Red agricultural workers.

That is a general picture of the successes gained. It is reasonable to deduce that the proportion of Communists, members and sympathisers, in the rank and file membership of these unions is even smaller, If this be so why all the fuss?

Here is a story which may explain. the early months of -1941, Lord Swinton, then head of one of the most important security committees, sent for me. He showed me the results of an investigation into all the strikes in Britain's war plants which had taken place in the first 18 months of the war.

A high proportion of these strikes had taken place in factories in which one or other of five men had been employed. The last of the strikes involving these men took place on June 18, 1941. Four days later Russia was attacked.

_craft_union_mainly_affected_sent_one_ He tempers his handling of trade of its organisers up to tell the men

> That night the organiser recalled that in 20 months he had worked in 15 factories, and added: "We had

Basis of policy

L things. Its attitude is reflected in the policy of Transport House. It is based on the memories of yes-

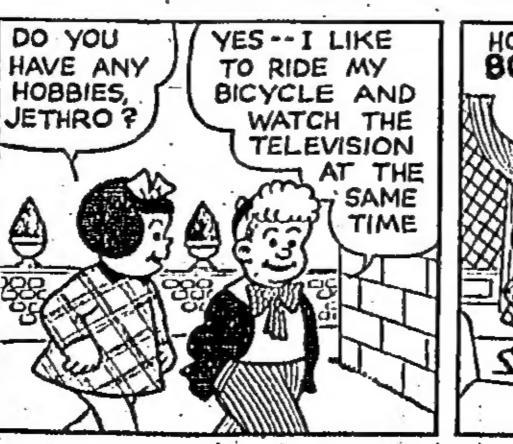
The Communists resent this. They

and in spite of his Communism. them. They say, with justification: "No one has been more zealous than our members in stepping up Britain's production since mid-1941 to this day." In the recent controversy about

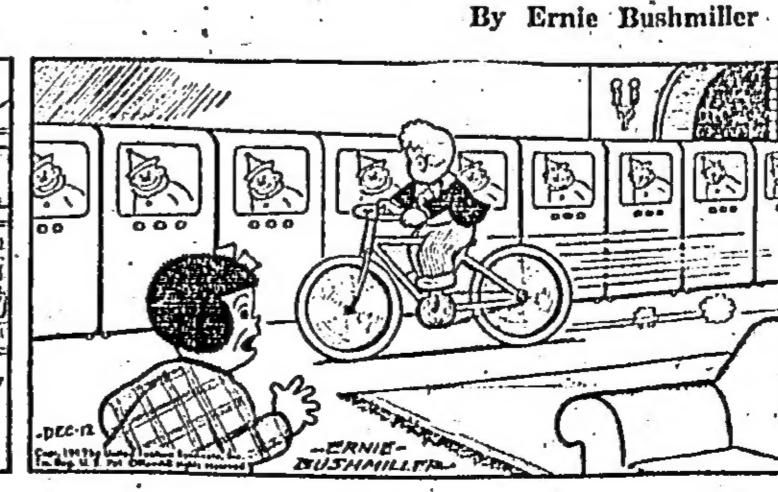
the "menace" of the Communists, the general council of the Trades indicates how misleading are election Union Congress, most vulnerable organisation of all, has kept curiously silent. Why? Because the easiest course

would be the most dangerous. Ban Communists from trade unions and you invite the creation of rival, organisations.

It is slightly less among the rail- What, then, can the T.U.C. do?









BEAUTY ARTS By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds.

Lois Leeds gives you valuable suggestions.

"DEAR LOIS LEEDS"

old, halr drab blonde. Would you natts. think it in bad taste to lighten it with a dye"-HELENA."

Hair can be lightened and brightened by home care and shampooing, branette, My dark powder gets on but to have it bleached will be a my white hair and yellows it around success only if done by a profest my face. Any suggestions? M. H." sional hairdresser. I see no veason why you should not have it done if. you want to and can afford it and bradage around your hair when you if you will keep it up once you have bear up. Thus you avoid touching started. Also, if you will change vour hair. Go around the hairline. your makeup to go with the news carefully with a tissue after you shade of hair.

"Dear Lois Leeds -- My legs are decent enough in shape but the skin is bumpy, Any cure?—SAL."

Burney thin on the legs often comes because of bad circulation. suggest exercise, plus a good scrubbing with rich, foamy suds and thorough drying and massaging with cold cream. Finish with another · riase and apply a body lotion. The scrubbing aids in stimulating circus concrete evidence that the ideal

no longer afford. What can I do at wish to join the parade. home?--MRS S."



When you have your Bridal pictures taken don't load your skinwith makeup. If you do you'll look fint and dull. Use a dark lipstick to accent your mouth but go easy on the powder. Your skin must reflect the highlights for that Photo-

Learn to do your own manieures at home, Buffing with a good pow-"Dear Lois Leeds-1 am 21 years der-polish often smooth's "ridgy"

Yes, Tie a band of absorbent have removed the band.

PALER AND PRETTIER

By Carolyn Earle

Lafest make-up trends are of beauty has changed with the

"Dear Lois Leeds-My units are! Co-ordination has become the rule rough and 'ridgy' since not having among purveyors of glamour, so a professional manieures which I can cosmetic overhaul is needed if you

In America this latest way to look is making a big splash from coust, being variously described as "paler and prettier," "the pastel look," "portrait in pink," "line Dresden delicacy,"

Vogue's arbiters of giamour say... "A pastel palette for make-up...in new gentler colours, mostly pink . . in all its range from pale coral to light fuchsia."

Less Colour

Which means, in other words, light neutral make-up colours which harmonise with everything and accent your own colouring, are in accord with the changed fashlon

Under-statement in colour and under-statement in quantify are the keynotes of delicate make-up die illmiest foundation, so that the natural colour can best through, one dusting of pale pink, or peach, or gold powder, very little eyeshadow.

The new mouth is a decided bow range from red gold to rose through clated Press, cornelian, and along a scale of pretty

Entirely blocked out nails wearing deep-toned polish have gone; instead moons and light tips are "in" again.



"You, I took some medicine, Mom, but I mixed up several kinds so I'd be sure to get the right thing for a stomach-achol"

Cannes Season Opens Minus Tourists

BY FERNAND D'AINVILLE

Cannes, Feb 5-The "glittering" Cannes winter season has opened. : The sun is warm. The sky is blue. The night clubs have each decked two orchestras out in snappy new uniforms. Hotels, beaches and theatres are all polished and open for business. And there's not a customer in sight.

FEAR LEADS PEOPLE TO TELL LIES

A university professor believes that in view of the many motivations for telling lies is remarkable how much real honesty there is in the world.

Bergen Evans, Professor English at America's Northwestern botels are empty. University, said in a public lecture that persons tell lies because they are consciously or subconsciously and more beautiful than over, but By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY afraid and insecure.

falsehoods--including greed, vanity, their roulette wheels dead. hatred, and presumptous ignorance-all have their roots in fear.

"We lie because we are afraid," he said. "We are afraid because we nerve to place a lone bet. are insecure, unsure of our wealth and of others' respect, and afraid we shall be despised or injured. More-"Dear Lois Leed:-- I am a deep over, nothing breeds insecurity like

Considering all this, he said, he is amozed how much real honesty

Never So Prevalent

business is transacted over the tele- pressario said. But some of the phone every day, and a thousand best singers and actors in France commitments made and kept every; are performing every night hour which probably could not be practically empty houses. enforced in a court. Modern business simply could not afford the old gical lectures by Father Riquet, dishonesties of chaffering and welch- former predicateur at Notre Dame. look at the East and West cards, ing, formerly the very soul of shrewdness and enterprise."

He said that despite the pre- hotel man said wistfully. valence of honesty, there probably never has been so much lying in the more than a month and most of

just plain keeping still," he said. "This consists of not saving something that should be said . . . by not registering a protest," But he admitted some lies are

"Few friendships and marriages would continue if those involved told only the truth," he observed,

MORE CHINESE MALAYA

The Chinese population of the Malayan Federation has creased 46.1 percent over the period 1931-1947, according to year's census.

number only to the Malays them- cularly the other units of the Emselves as the largest group in the pire. Malayan Federation. Census figures! show the Malays numbered 2,130,-1 493, the Chinese, 1,880,452.

puts the Chinese in first place in percentage of increase, with 46.1 course would depart on a leisurely percent over the 16-year period sea tour to Gallipolli, Alamein, Toagainst an increase in Malay popula- bruk and other spots glorious in tion of only 35.2 percent,

(not the Cupid variety), traced in tion the Malays now constitute 45.77 of culture. After a six-month an intense-colour outline, and then percent and the Chinese 38.6 per-course at London, they would prodilect in with a pale toned lipstick. | cent. The remaining 18 percent is gress to Edinburgh, and thence about Seashell shades for nail lacquers split among other nationals.—Asso- the Empire, for six-month study at

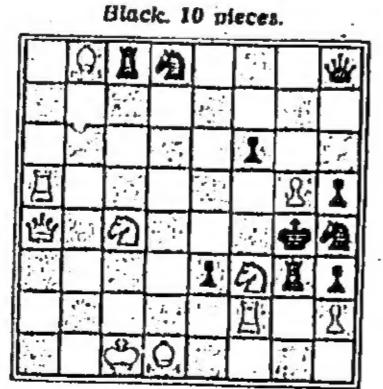
SHELTER FROM ATOM BOMBS

London's deep underground railway stations would give "complete protection" against any atomic bomb, according to Professor N. F. Mott, president of the British Atomic Scientists' Association.

He told newsmen that it would be "futile" for Britain to engage in an atomic weapons race, and said he did not think the United States or Russia would begin an atomic war because "each side must know its capital city will be destroyed in the first day or two."

"That would be bound to act as a deterrent," he added. "Not even the toughest dictator would stand for that."-Associated Press.

By F. NOVEJARQUE



White 10 pieces. White to play and mate in two. Solution to westerday's problem:

Q X KP any: 2. Q. R. B. or Kt mates

"If only the tourists realized how wonderful it is here," one

The truth is that the tourists do know how wonderful it is, but they cannot be tourists any more Most were British, who no longer Britain for holidays.

hotel manager told me, "they'd

come in droves."

Things are so bad that the biggest hotels-the Grand, the Reserve du Miramar, the Martinez-have all closed their doors. The Majestic has remained open with a reduced staff. It has 400 rooms. Only 30 of them are occupied. Some of the smaller

The promenade is freshly painted almost deserted. At the Casino, He said other motivations for crouplers huddle discussing politics,

> The atmosphere was so solema the other night I did not have the

Bands But No Dancers

I went to La Reserve night club. Two bands dutifully beat out tangos, sambas, swing. There was one couple in the place, and they were much too occupied with other matters to dance. I went home.

"Perhaps the entertainment isn't "Millions of dollars' worth of good enough this year," one im-

There is even a series of theolo-"It must have been the strikes that scared them away,"

The strikes have been over the world's newspapers long since One of the most common and have said so. The tourists of most successful forms of lying "is former years would be here almost certainly-if they only had the money.-United Press.

TRAVELLING UNIVERSITY PROPOSED

A travelling university of 3,600 students, studying in all son, a novelist.

first available figures from last trallan Broadcasting Commission, The Chinese placed second in to know the rest of the world, parti-

centres in British cities-London, this, but it was the only trick he Edinburgh, Cape Town, Quebec and could win, Comparison with figures for 1931 Wellington--nd one in Philadelphia, Students starting the university Australian military history, as well Of the Federation's total popula- as to Rome, Athens and other seats

> each centre. 'Henderson would finance the travelling coilege by government funds, students paying no higher

tuition than to attend classes in any Australian university. He pointed out that present uni- Russia on the south. versity facilities in Australia are 6. State the difference between overcrowded, and additional facili- an opera and an operetta. ties are badly needed .- United Press.

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6-Spade Slam

WHY ARE

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SAMPLE!

Rubber-E-W vul. West North East Pass . Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass Opening—♦ K

IN order to get the full benefit out You are the declarer, sitting South, and your contract is six spades. You have the ace, of diamonds and you can ruff two diamonds, so you seem to be in a safe contract. There is even a chance that you might make

The question is, what line of play would you select? Would you ruff a diamond in dummy and then, selecting the heart suit to break, would you cash the nce and king of hearts, ruff a heart, and ruff another, diamond in dummy? That line of play would lose because of the fact that East has four spades to the king-eight-

As Peter Leventritt said when he played this hand, it is an optical illusion. You have all the tricksbut when you count them, they do not add up to 12.

He decided to try out the spade finesse first, so he led a heart to parts of the British Common-dummy, then led the ten of spades. wealth. has been proposed for East played low, Leventritt took the Australia by Walter G. Hender- finesse and ted the nine of spades. Again when East refused to cover In a proposal aired by the Aus- he let it ride. He cashed the king

of hearts and ruffed a heart, went Henderson pointed out the need for led the five of hearts. East refused to trump, discarding a club, so Leventritt let go a diamond. The same thing happened when he led His plan calls for five training club was played, and East trumped

Check Your Knowledge

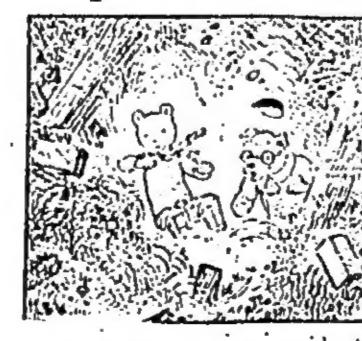
1. At their widest points, which wider, North or South America? 2. For what traits were the Spartans famous?

3. When did Cuba become a Re-4. How much of the world's

cotton is produced in the United States of America? 5. Name the gulf that is bordered by Finland on the north and

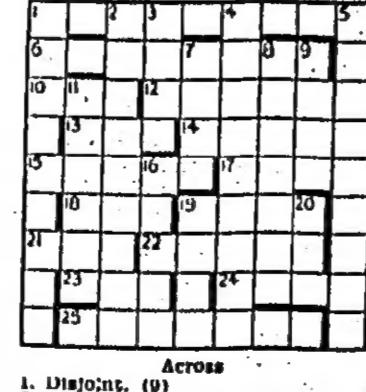
(Answers on Page 4)

Rupert and the Big Bang-36 After the trail has burned its way



out of sight the two friends want and hold their breath. "When will the bang come?" whispers Rupert. Still they wait and, just as they think the trail must have failed. there comes the most shattering crish. The whole earth shakes, the or fills with dust, more of the rums topple down and the entrance is blocked. Luckily for Rupert and Bingo a great beam gets wedged above their heads and prevents the ceiling from falling. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

CROSSWORD



Disjoint. (9)
The skipping bullet. (8) 10. Bindo (10) 12. "Then felt I like some watcher Of the akies

When a new ... awims into nis ken (Heats). (0) 14. Bhrine. (5) Returns are usually this: (8)

Mag this between inner and outer. (3) 19. A this helps. (4) 21. The Junior force. (8) 22. Unisdylike. (5) 23. Toy. (3) 24. These strate may be deceiving. 25. When horns resignt. (7)

I. Large, hornless, sushion-footed ruminant. (0) 2. Prison car (anag.), (8. 4)

9. Round along, (4)

4. Throw down the gauntlet, (9)

8. An advocate of excessive measures, (9)

7. Useful to the potter, (4)

8. Permit, (7) D. Change your mate. (4)

15. At this would be an easy, (5)
19. A cricket requisite. (4)
20. Even if this were phony it would be harmonious. (3) Bolution of yesterday's purels.—Acress; Ludicrous; 7 United; 9 Ply; 11 Big; 12, Anneal; 14, Victory; 15, Enter; 16, Ada; 18, Orown; 21, Stab; 22 Sneek; 23, Tac; 24, Riots; 25, Essy; 26, Snow, Dewn; 1. Lubricate; 2, Universal; 5, Dig; 4, Centenary; 5, Operation; 6, Bylisbus; 8, Tact; 10, Lay; 13, Nor; 17, Unit; 19, Ouce; 20 Wet; 21, Skis.

THE LINE

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COMMENCING SUNDAY, 8TH FEB. GARY COOPER RAY MILLAND in

A PARAMOUNT PICTURE

CRITICAL YEAR

Canada's Justice Minister, Mr J. L. Ilsley, said that 1948_"may well be the decisive year", for the United Nations Council, and warned that the world at large could not afford to permit its failure.

In an address to the Ottawa branch of the United Nations Association of Canada, lisley listed as the most vital business yet to be dealt, with by the U.N. the questions of Trieste, Egypt, the Pacific Islands under United States control, Palestine, India, Pakistan and the Indonesion problem.—Associated Press.

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#JOHN WAYNE - ANN DVORAK

FEBRUARY 7, 8 & 9

Starring Rohart Rebert Robert YOUNG . MITCHUM . RYAN

Washington, Feb. 5.-Navy Secretary Sullivan today disclosed Navy plans for a 60,000 to 80,000 ton aircraft carrier and eight other experimental ships and super-speed submarines.

New construction, which must be approved by Congress, includes four sub-

marines capable of extremely high speed submerged, one "hunter killer" ship for destroying submarines, and the giant aircraft carrier which would be more than twice the size of the Navy's present standard flat-tops Sullivan said the Navy had asked Congress in its 1949 budget for US\$230,000.000 for the whole shipbuilding programme, which he estimated would take up to five years to complete, --- Associated Press.

FAINT SOS MESSAGES

BELIEVED FROM MISSING PLANE

New York, Feb. 5.—Hundreds of amateur radio enthusiasts were still keeping a constant watch today after waiting vainly throughout the night for a renewal of the faint SOS mes- France Favours sages, thought to have come a flight from the Azores to Bermuda.

After the search had been abandoned yesterday, faint and distorted radio signals, including the word "Tiger," were picked up from Florida to Newfoundland, and as far inland as Chleago.

American Air Force planes in Bermuda were immediately ordered to stand by, and the United States to the three Benelux countries, Federal Communications Commission set up mobile listening units to pinpoint the location of the signals If they were renewed.

The original transmission was thought to come from somewhere is the vast stretch of sea between Bermuda and the Leeward Islands, 1,000 miles to the south,

The possibility of a hoax was not overlooked. The messages were sent on the standard wavelength for plane-to-ground communication,

The Army Oceanic Control Centre in New York sald it had ordered all a sharp lookout.

The Star Tiger, a Tudor-4 machine belonging to the British South American Airways, was carrying 31 people.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN **OFFICIALS** SACKED

Moscow, Feb. 5.—The dismissal of two high Government officials, including the Minister of Justice, N. M. Rychkov, and a ban on marriages between Russians and foreigners were approved by the Supreme Soviet at its final session today:

The 1948 budget was also approved. Other measures approved included abolition of the death penalty and prescribing of more severe punishment, for divulging state secrets.

The Justice Minister was dismissed on the ground that "he could not cope with his work." Rychkov's Ministry has been under fire from the newspapers for several months against the laxity in housing and in American Interference in Persian Australia.—Reuter.

graft and other offences. not provide "correct direction of the acceptable. event was of extreme significance.

and Rumania will give each other military aid if either is drawn into military operations against Germany Government of having encouraged ing. or any State allied with Germany in Azerbaijan's separatist movement It was an historic day for Ameri-"policy of aggression."-United against the Persian Government in cans from the moment Mrs. Gret-

Arts Committee."-United Press. .

Friendship Pact

Moscow, Feb. 5.- The Soviet Government today announced that It had signed a 20-year friendship and mutual aid pact with Rumania, designed to block aggression by Germany or any nation directly or indirectly allied with Germany. The Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov), in a speech at the signing of the treaty, said the event was of extreme significance.-United Press.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

0. An opera is sung in its entirety while an operetta contains dialogue. End, since last Thursday.—Reuter. byes.

AUSSIE GENERAL BENNETT DEFENDS BROOKE-POPHAM

Canberra, Feb. 5.—Lieutenant General Gordon Bennett, the Australian commander who escaped from Malaya after the Japanese victory in 1942; today defended Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, whose despatches on the Malayan campaign were published a fortnight agó.

showman. On the contrary, he was quiet, retiring and effi- could not possibly have prevented

"War correspondents criticised him rather severely, due, in my opinion, to the fact that he made no attempt to impress them. Like so many British leaders, he looked on war correspondents as superfluous, "At press conferences, he gave lacking in virile energy. In fact, he had an excellent grip of his task and worked hard and efficiently, though not spectacularly."

General Bennett said: "The staff of the Commander-in-Chief of the Far Eastern theatre was very small and unlike other British staffs in World War II, which were extremoly cumbersome.

"He had three principal staff o'llcers, one from each of the services, out as powerful a reconnaissance Apart from these, he had practically unit with a covering unit as he could no staff.

Plane Shortage

Japanese planes." the "Operation Matador"

Association

ably to the British draft pro- lack of tanks was a serious handleap, consumption. posal for a joint offer of a Western European association it was reliably learned tonight. It is believed Paris has put forward no major modifications to the British draft, which was submitted

The way now seems clear for the next step-the despatch of the draft

the three Benelux Premiers suggested | with. planes flying in the area to maintain before committing themselves to war and the development, during to 1948.

j any definite reply, : depend largely upon the extent to which the Union is given an effective voice in long-term policy decisions SPORT ROUND-UP: affecting the economic future of Germany within the general framework of West European co-operation.

Whether or not this question is ! specifically covered in the draft, the opportunity for a decision on this point will arise on February 19, when the British, French and American conversations on Germany. open in London.—Reuter.

Persia Rejects Soviet Note

Teheran, Feb. 5.—Persia has blity—one which I feel rejuctant to be been but if required to do so, I here, but counter-accused the accept—but if required to do so, I reland to domestic industries in acute need feel this would be my final opportant versus Yugoslavia, Ireland to domestic industries in acute need feel this would be my final opportant versus Yugoslavia, Ireland to domestic industries in acute need to do so, I t "marauders," it was disclosed tunity to serve the game which has tonight when the official toyt of played such a big part in my life." the Persian reply was made

Rejecting the Soviet charges of will be his last first-class game in Britain versus India match. Czechoaffairs, the note disclosed that Persia M. B. Khrapehenko, chairman of Intended, when the war ended, to the Arts Committee of the Govern- buy arms from the Soviet Union. ment, was removed because he did but the proposed prices were not men and women athletes dominated

The Americans offered lower pri- pies here as they swept to clean-The treaty provides that Russia ces, so Persia decided to buy from cut victories in two events, placed the United States. The note accused the Soviet seventh place to third in team stand-

1946 and of having given the rebel chen Fraser, the housewife from Vancouver, Washington, flashed leaders refuge.

The note ends with an appeal to across first in the women's special dent Truman today said that the Soviet Union to cease to protect slalom until Dick Button of Engle- unless. Congress acts to stop "adventurers and marauding ele- wood, New Jersey, won the men's ments," whose activities inside figure skating as the sun set over the dangerous progress acts to stop "The information relating to India rising prices, the nation faces and Pakistan indicates that plans of the Central and provincial Covern-Russia are, it says, directed against the snoweled alps. Persin's security,-Reuter.

LIGHTHOUSEMEN STRANDED

Switzerland 69, Sweden 62, United living items, the President told Penzance, Feb. 5.—The men in States 521/4, Norway 481/2, Austria reporters that unless some way was from Land's End, have only enough Britain 7, Holland 6, Hungary 5, awful spiral," the inflationary trend Belgium 3, Canada 4.-Associated would proceed to its logical constores left them to last today. They have not been relieved for Press. 73 days and a helicopter is being prepared at Huldrose, near Pen-

for the 1948 Davis Cup competition rance, to drop them food. A 40-miles per hour gate is raging made here today, the Netherlands, totind the rock and the other light- Portugal and Norway all drew byes houses due for relief are Bishop's in the first round of the European 1. South America. 2. Stoicism and Rock, six miles from Saint Mary's, Zone and automatically enter the endurance. 3. In 1901. 4. Over 50 Sellly Isles, whose crew have been second round. ... per cent. . 5. The Gulf of Finland, waiting for 30 days, and Longships | Czechoslovakia, Brazil, Belgium Lighthouse, two miles from Land's and Argentina also drew first round

Writing for the Fortnightly forward into Slam to deal with any Observer, General Bennett said: attempted Japanese landing, General Bennett said this was wise; as the "Brooke-Popham was not a "operation was doomed to failure". "One division. in size and quality,

> the landings," .General Bennett said. "On December 6, 1941, our air force reported two Japanese convoys. Until It was certain, without doubt. that the fleet was destined for Malaya. Air Chief Marshal Brooke-Popham was unable to attack.

"It was weak, however, to send a single Catalina to shadow the the impression that he was tired and fleet. The plane was probably destroyed. A flight, or at least two planes, may have enabled the news, so urgently needed, to reach the Commander-in-Chief."

Casus Belli General Bennett continued: "The need for news of the destination of the Japanese fleet was so important the Commander-in-Chief would have been justified in sending

"Had the enemy attacked this unit, casus belli would have arisen at Pakistan, the report says, has 1947. "The plane shortage was serious, once, possibly some hours before the suffered not only from adverse but more serious still was the Japanese intended. Maybe it would quality of our planes in comparison have had the effect of warning the with the efficient and superior United States Fleet in Pearl Harbour, ly from civil strife and very

Writing on the decision to cancel (Vice Admiral T. Phillips who went if an acute deterioration in the ference in exportable surplus, the the "Operation Matador" plan to down with the Prince of Wales) move the 11th Indian Division small but powerful naval squadron in the proported to be proported to be proported. because the northern Malayan tries is to be prevented. nerodromes were untenable or badly | The report says: "The production those parts of the Far East that

the Prince of Wales sinking. If the year, and the production of rice is planes could reach the place where about 2,500,000 tons lower. from the British airliner, Star Western Europe | planes come reached the ships were attacked after the the ships were attacked after the attack, they could have reached attack, they could have reached in rice production can be offset by the war effort of the Allies, the inthere in time to save the ships."

that section of the report claiming India will need to import a minimum that fighting was under conditions of 2,000,000 tons more bread grain London, Feb. 5.—The French with which the British Empire had than during the previous year to Government has replied favour- very little experience and that the maintain the present low cereal

Japanese Infiltration

infiltration methods adopted by the than they had last year. Germans in the early European

Japanese in Malaya were, at least in part, responsible for the failures in battle," he said. "Subsequent operations in the

tanks in jungle country. The Japanidea of a closer association with well have placed at the front of all tons short of the quantity needed "Finally, the undernourishment of Britain and France, they would the reasons for the defeat the lack to maintain the 1948 bread rations the workers that has resulted from

await receipt of the actual proposal of preparedness of our Empire for in the deficit countries during 1947 the shortage of food is in no small Observers here agree that the "This made our leaders passive Far Eastern exporting areas—Burthe Joint Anglo-French draft will essential in war leaders,"—Reuter, pected to be about 500,000 tons all deviatated countries,

cricket team this summer.

Bradman is now 39 years of age.

U.S. OLYMPIC SUCCESS

St. Moritz, Feb. 5.-Climaxing an

amazing comeback, United States

the seventh day of the Winter Olym-

second in another and vaulted from

scored by Americans in either skiing

DAVIS CUP DRAW

Washington, Feb. 5.—In the draw

Olympics began in 1924.

Their triumphs were the first ever economic crash.

The team standings tonight, based Waving a chart showing the con-

on Associated Press tabulation, were. | tinuous rise in the price of cost-of-

40, France 39, Finland 38, Italy 24, found to stop what he called "this

after the tour.

but will retire from cricket shall, was:



"It isn't the 20-year sentence they gave you-I don't mind that. It's the idea of losing my first blg case.

Report On Far East Economic Position

Lake Success, Feb. 5 .- On the balance, it appears that food production in the Far East may be approximately the same this year as last, but the continuing population increase is such that the production per person will probably be lower, says a report prepared by the United Nations Department of Economic Affairs.

weather but even more serious- same "Air cover was refused Phillips' heavy imports will be required have increased more than the dif-

of wheat in India and Pakistan is "A fighter squadron arrived to see about 750,000 tons under the previous

"It is doubtful if the entire decrease increased rice imports; with th General Bennett disagreed with decline in wheat production as well,

He stated that the Japanese used levels with slightly smaller imports use have drastically curtailed the be able to maintain consumption

"But the present levels are extremely low in some of these coun-"All these methods adopted by the tries, especially in the Far East.

Rice Exports

"The present outlook is that without drastic changes in grain place obsolete, machinery, and by text for consideration by the Benelux Pacific islands showed little scope for utilisation in both importing and the lack of domestic capital forma-The recent joint declaration by ese tanks in Malaya were easily dealt exporting countries, the exportable tion.

"The rice exports from the three the industrial output,

In the second round, the Nether-

North American Zone: 1st round:

Truman Warns

Of Crash

At a press conference, Mr Truman

for legislation to curb inflation.

clusion. This logical conclusion, he

new appeals to Congress, Mr Truman

sald he would continue to tell the

House and Senate what the situation

ndded, would be a crash. -

Asked whether he planned

were taken off.—United Press.

Mexico

glum will meet Argentina.

Australia versus Cuba.

versus Canada.-Reuter.

BRADMAN AVAILABLE

FOR NEXT TEST

Melbourne, Feb. 5.-Don Bradman, Australia's Test

The 11th Test match against lands will meet Portugal. Norway

India, which starts here tomorrow, will meet the winners of the

captain, stated today that he had advised his co-selectors

he would be available to tour England with the Australian

Production in India and greater in 1947-1948 than in 1946-"Exports from other parts of the

world are expected to be about the "Since the deficits in the Far East

On industry, the report says: "In were subjected to enemy occupation during the war, industry suffered serious dislocation, if not complete paralysis, while in those other parts which were actively associated in dustrial equipment was exposed to the strain of incessant intensive use, causing considerable deterioration of the machines that, could not be adequately maintained.

War Damage "War damage to public utilities of the world, taken as a whole, may there and tear on what installawater in industrial centres in many countries of the region and have ac-

(cordingly hampered their industrial "Recovery has been held back also by the lack of foreign exchange necessary to purchase new, or to re-

supplies of bread and coarse grain "Inflation and political unrest are will fall approximately 10,000,000 further slowing down reconstruction.

Benefux reception of what is now and destroyed aggressiveness, a trait ma, Siam and Indo-China—are ex- is below prewar in practically tions and oil refineries, for the H.K.T. restoration or replacement of which the requisite capital and materials are lacking, has, so far, prevented the resumption of oil production in

Oil And Minerals

"In Indonesia, oil production in 1947 amounted to only five percent of the

new dredges, ordered during the chestra conducted by Bruno Walter; 11. war, were available, production is Close Down. Bradman said: "Today I In the North American Zone, Aus- delayed by technical obstacles, advised my co-selectors that I tralia meets Cuba in the first round, while silver production has risen will be available for England, tary of State, General George Mar- well above, the prewar levels.

European Zone-1st Round: Britain only a fraction of what it was before "I recognise that another tour at versus India. Rumania versus the war and, owing to the dislocaon the alleged activities of the my age will be a heavy responsi-United States military mission bility—one which I feel reluctant to versus Pakistan. Italy versus Poland.

> rallway, highway and industrial de- 18.15,—Programme announcements; 13.20. velopment. An Advisory Planning symphonic suite, Scheherezade. London slovakin will meet Brazil, and Bel- Board was created in 1946.

"The government is planning to undertake and operate many large hydro-electric projects, such as the Damodar project, and a large government-owned artificial fertiliser factory is understood to be nearing completion.

Development Plans "The provincial governments of

the Dominion of India also have many plans. Emphasis in all the Indian plans is on industrial and power development, although plans Washington, Feb. 5 .- Presi- for the development of communications, literacy and hospitals also occupy a prominent place. "The information relating to India

ments will involve about £1,250,-"Electrical development, railways. or figure skating since the Winter relterated in strong words his desire

roads and agriculture account for the greatest expense. "Also included in the plans is the annual production by 1952 of an additional 3,000,000 tons of food grains.

"The Dominion of Pakistan is in a stronger position agriculturally than the Dominion of India. Further, its jute and tea exports are expected to strengthen its balance of payments position. On the other hand. Pakistan has less than a proportionate share of the sub-continent's industries, and coal deposits.

was, but that action was up to them. "Although it is too early to deter-He did not agree that full production was the answer to inflation. mine the main lines of development He said production was more than planning in Pakistan, it is certain ample when prices were controlled that the development of hydroand that prices rose when controls electricity will play a crucial part."

Korea Commission To See Little Assembly

Scoul, Feb. 5 .-- As a result of the thorough expose of political conditions in South Korea by Australia's S. H. Jackson, it is believed to be a foregone conclusion that the United Nations Commission will vote tomorrow to send a delegation to the United Nations Little Assembly to consult and to obtain authority for holding elections. in South Korea.

Little Assembly two questions. tions could be assured. Firstly, in view of the current state of affairs, can the Commission upset the National South Korea, with only the half-Government Assembly; and hearted support of China's Dr Liu secondly, assuming there is in Yu-wan, who, it is understood, feels secondly, assuming there is in existence a free atmosphere, does the Assembly want the Commission to hold elections in South Korea.

The Commission spokesman said "generally supported" Australia's Mr Jackson expressed the view that conclusion that the Commission must Korean public opinion demands that now report its findings to the Little some kind of election be held, but Assembly and request instructions.

Control Of Polica

It is believed that Mr Jackson, who is chairman of sub-Committee No. 2 1 for the possible election.—United which has been consulting Koreans, protested against the allegedly complete political control of the Chief of National Police, Dr Gough Pyongok, and convinced a majority of the delegates that the South Koren police system must be drastically revised

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Closing Times By Alt Shanghal, 9 a.m. (reg.); 9.30 a.m. (ord.). Manila, P.I., Honolulu, USA & Canada, 9.30 n.m. (reg.); 10 a.m. (ord.). Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao, Peiping, Swatow, Tainan, Amoy, Kunming and Calcutta, 3.30 p.m. Closing Times By Sea & Train

Canton (Train) 7 a.m. Macao, Tainshan & Shekki (Sea) B a.m. Shanghai (Sea) 10 a.m. Saigon, Egypt and Marsellies (Sea) 10 Bangkok (Sea) Noon. Macao, Tsinshan & Shekki (Sea) 2 p.m.

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BROADCAST

6, Studio: Children's Half Hour; 6.30, Studio: Portuguese Half Hour; 7, London Relay: World and Home News: 7.15, Studio: "You Asked for it" Varlety Request Programme presented by Lynn Frazer: 8.15, BBC Transcription Service: Vocal Recital by Ruby Pheroz Payri Note The new subscription fees. (Soprano) with Plano accompaniment by the Very Rev. Father Riganti; 9.50, Interlude: 9, London Relay: News: 9.10, prewar output.

"Tin mining in Burma at present is negligible. Production in Malaya is only about 14 percent of the pre-war output; but in Indonesia, where

BBC PROGRAMME

"Mineral production in China is Overseas Service which may be heard in Hongkong this evening are: GMT 10.00 .- Current affairs; 10.15 .--American dance bands: 10.30,-Music "In India, great interest is taken in development planning, and the pect. A talk by William Holt; 14.00.—Radio newsreel; 14.15.—Soldier of fortune; Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Antal Dorati (gramophone records); 10.00.—The news; 10.10.—News Analysis; 16,15-The University programme, Pure and applied science-Introductory talk by Professor R. A. Peters, Blochemistry and Physiology, by Sir Howard W. Florey: 10.35.-Composer of the week. Cesar Franck (gramophone records): 15.45 South China Morning Post Limited World affairs. A talk by Donald Mc- at 1-3 Wyndham Street, City of Lachlan: 17.00.-Big Ben. Radio newsreel: 17.15.-Close down.

The delegation will ask the | before the semblance of free elec-

As a result of today's meeting, the Philippines remains the only nation favouring immediate elections for the Little Assembly is too weak an organisation to be saddled with the Korean problem.

The spokesman said earlier that Canada, India and El Salvador not without certain radical altern- He added that although the questions in the South Korea police tion, which will be voted tomorrow, system and not without first as to whether a delegation will be securing authority from the United sent to the Little Assembly is doubt" it will be decided affirma-

> The spokesman said the Commission has set an unofficial deadline of May

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